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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION VIEWS ON STANOVNIK PROPOSALS AND BREZHNEV
PROPOSALS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1212

1. EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL WHO DEALS WITH CSCE MATTERS
(MASLEN) HAS BRIEFED US FURTHER ON COMMISSION VIEWS CONCERNING
ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK'S PROPOSALS FOR
MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN THE ECE FRAMEWORK ON A RANGE OF CSCE
FINAL ACT TOPICS (SEE REFTEL).

2. MASLEN SAID COMMISSION EXPERTS HAD CONSIDERED STANOVNIK'S
DECEMBER 15, 1976, PROPOSAL TO THE ECE BUREAU THAT MINISTERIAL
MEETINGS BE HELD ON THE ENVIRONMENT, EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC
AND COMMERICAL INFORMATION, AND ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE.
HE SAID THE EXPERTS HAD REACHED THE TENTATIVE CONCLUSION
THAT STANOVNIK'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE
MIGHT SERVE AS A USEFUL MEANS FOR THE WEST TO UNDERCUT THE
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SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR PAN-EUROPEAN CONFERENCES ON ENERGY,
TRANSPORTATION, AND ENVIRONMENT, WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING
THE WESTERN PROFILE AT THE BELGRADE REVIEW
CONFERENCE. (NOTE: THE STANOVNIK PROPOSALS ARE
ELABORATED IN ECA DOCUMENT E/ECE/911 OF JANUARY13, 1977:
"THE FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION AND
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE.")

3.MASLEN SAID THE COMMISSION'S VIEWS HAD NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE EC'S BASKET 2 WORKING GROUP. HE ADDED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TAKEN A NEGATIVE VIEW OF THE STANOVNIK PROPOSALS ON THEIR OWN MERITS, HAD NOT THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS BEEN INTRODUCED FIRST, BUT THAT, GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY SEEM TO OFFER GOOD WESTERN FOIL TO THE SOVIET INITIATIVE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON STANOVNIK PROPOSALS, AND ANY REACTION WE MIGHT PASS ON TO COMMISSION WITH REGARD TO THEIR PROPOSED APPROACH.HINTON

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